

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 3  
THIRD QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES  
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 3 during third quarter 2003 was 89,155, an increase of 0.7% from the second quarter 2003, and an increase of 1.1% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 12 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 27.5% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2003, second quarter 2003, third quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 34. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 3 with 10,897 employees, or 12.2% of total employment. Terrebonne was the leading parish with 49,716 employees, or 55.8% of total employment.

Total wages increased by 2.3% from the same period in 2002, and increased 1.0% from the first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$587.92. Assumption parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$607.17.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 3 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 3" beginning on page 37.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Assumption	\$ 607.17
Lafourche	570.47
Terrebonne	597.58

The number of reporting units in RLMA 3 for third quarter 2003 was 5,327.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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